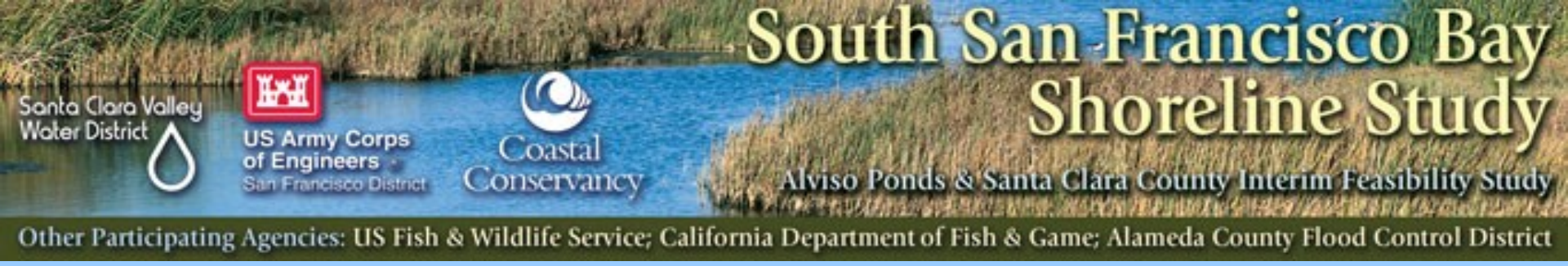
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## Collaboration California Style

***Planning CoP Conference***

***May 9, 2006***

# Project Purposes

- **Ecosystem Restoration**

- **Flood-Damage Reduction**

- **Recreation**

# Project Partners

- **US Army Corps of Engineers**
  - Federal sponsor and NEPA co-lead agency
- **California State Coastal Conservancy**
  - non-Federal sponsor and CEQA lead agency
- **Santa Clara Valley Water District**
  - non-Federal sponsor
- **US Fish and Wildlife Service**
  - landowner and NEPA co-lead agency

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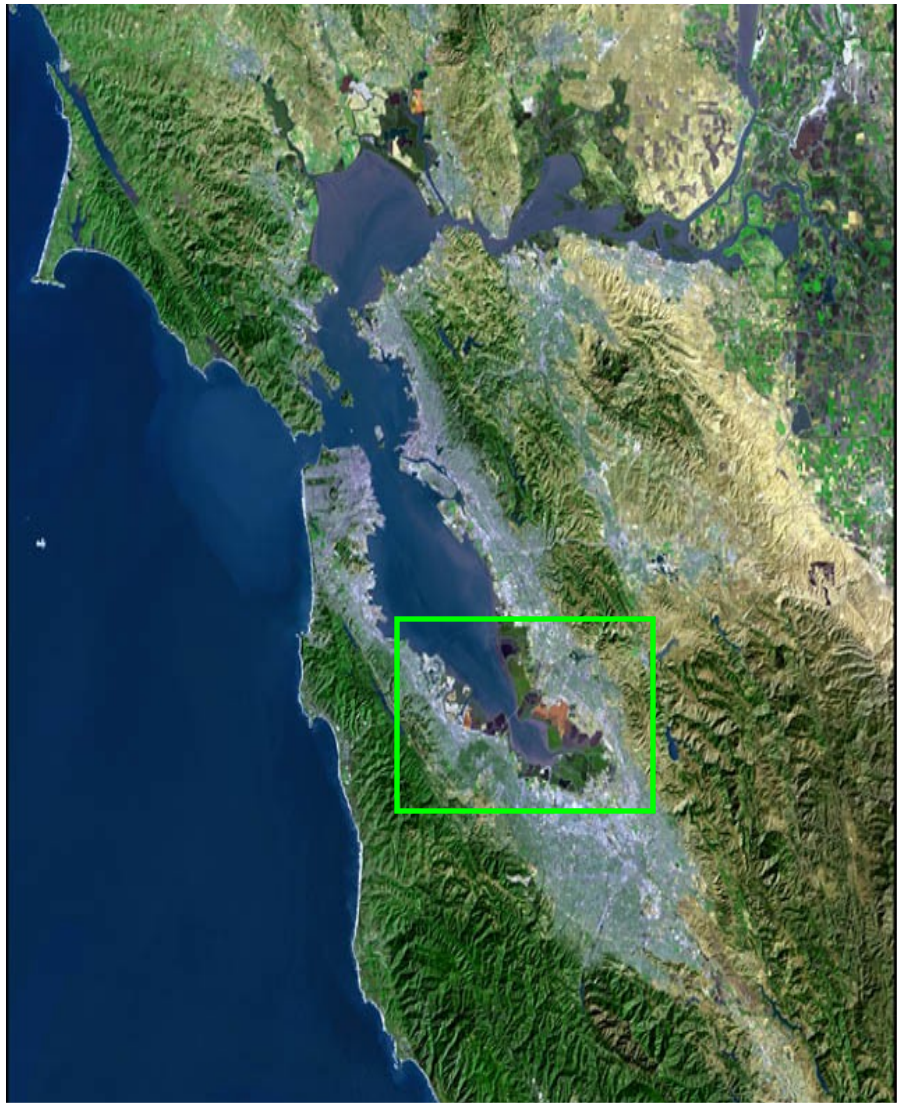
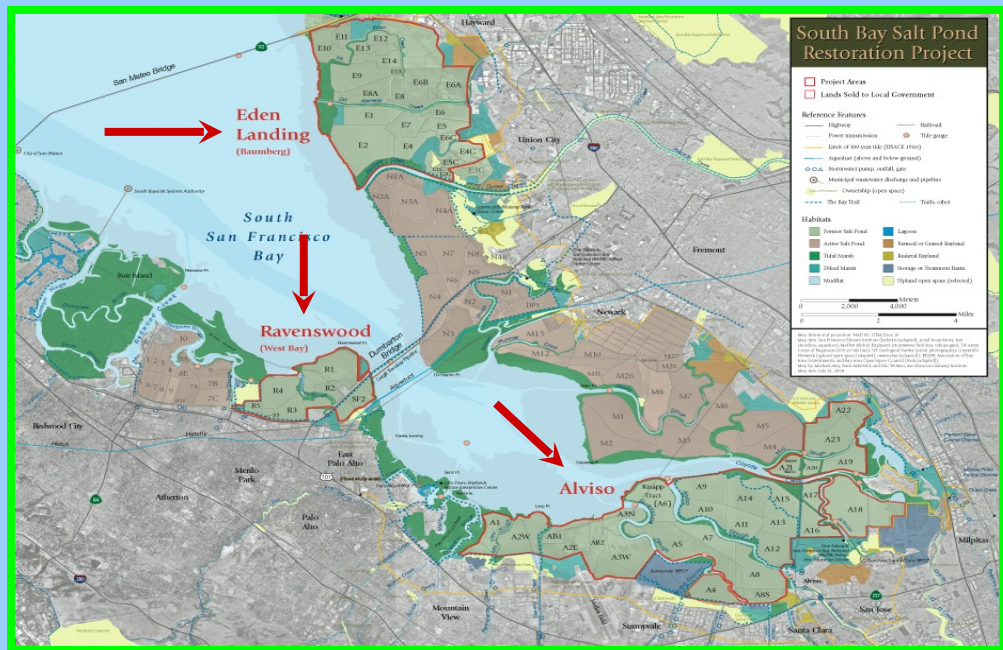


## Project Location and Scope

- South San Francisco Bay Area
- 15,100 acres former salt production ponds
- 3 pond complexes and associated/ adjacent shoreline
- 72 miles salt pond levees



# Collaboration Issues

## 1) Management Structure

- 2 non-Federal sponsors, plus Federal landowner for First Interim Feasibility Study
- Challenge: Decision making and review process is more complicated

**Strategy: More effective and frequent communication to keep everyone in the loop and achieve consensus**

# Collaboration Issues

## 1) Management Structure

- **Benefit: Positive impacts on planning process**
  - **Synergy → better planning!**
  - **Capitalize on partners' relationships with public and other entities**
  - **Achieve greater transparency and buy off**

# Collaboration Issues

**2) History with non-Federal sponsors**

- **Corps has partnered with both CSCC and SCVWD on other projects**

# Collaboration Issues

## 2) History with non-Federal sponsors

- Challenge: Concerns due to experiences on other projects
  - Evolution of Corps role in Feasibility Study (Study consultants → Planning lead)

**Strategies:**

**1) Team building → trust**

**2) Determining and using team members' strengths**

# Collaboration Issues

## 2) History with non-Federal sponsors

- **Benefit: Track record demonstrates partnership can work**
  - **Napa Salt Marsh Restoration Project (w/CSCC)**
  - **Downtown Guadalupe Flood Protection Project (w/SCVWD)**

# Collaboration Challenges

## 3) Coordination with South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project

- **<u>Challenges</u>:**
  - **Timeline different for each project**
  - **Planning goals overlap, but differ**

**Strategies:**

1) **Similar management teams for both projects**
2) **Corps participation in all SBSP activities**
3) **Key consultants participate in both projects**

# Collaboration Challenges

## 3) Coordination with South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project

- **Benefit: Groundbreaking by SBSP Restoration Project**
  - **Established structure for public outreach**
    - **Relationships established with public, key stakeholders, and media**
  - **Technical work**
    - **Key studies will inform Shoreline Study planning process**

# Other Collaboration Benefits

1) Strengthen SPN's strategic partnerships with CSCC and SCVWD
2) Set precedence for Corps-USFWS restoration project
3) Increase visibility for Corps in San Francisco Bay planning community
4) Improve Corps reputation for doing quality work

# Questions?